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## Lancaster Man Sentenced for Topanga Mall Kidnap-Rape

A 19-year-old Lancaster man was sentenced today to 84 years to life in state prison for kidnapping a woman from outside the Westfield Topanga Mall and raping her, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Frederick Mesropi said Kioki Ray Snowden was convicted on July 2 of one count each of kidnapping, kidnapping to commit another crime, second-degree robbery, forcible rape, sexual penetration by foreign object, forcible oral copulation and identity theft.

A jury also found true allegations of the use of a knife, kidnapping and tying and binding during the commission of the July 4, 2013 crime.

A restitution hearing is scheduled on Oct. 21 in Department F of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch.

Snowden kidnapped a woman at knifepoint when she returned to her parked car at the mall. He then took her to a bank parking lot in San Marino where he sexually assaulted and robbed her.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department Robbery-Homicide Division.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the <u>Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office</u> prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.